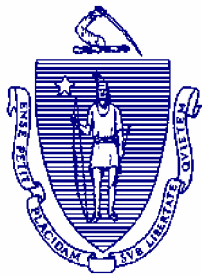


Executive Office of Public Safety Newsletter, August 2005



The Executive Office of Public Safety (EOPS) is committed to keeping the people of Massachusetts informed about critical homeland security, emergency management, personal safety, and criminal justice issues. The EOPS newsletter is published monthly for the purpose of sharing current information on events, publications, and funding opportunities among public safety professionals.

EOPS Funding Opportunities

Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)

Application Deadline: August 17, 2005

The Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety (EOPS) is making up to \$5 million of funding available under the federal Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program, subject to the final award to Massachusetts through the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance. The purpose of this program is to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime and to improve the criminal justice system. Three (3) Byrne JAG funding opportunities are currently available from EOPS. They are:

1. General Byrne JAG – priority funding areas include: prisoner reentry; drugs and drug-related crime; gangs and gang-related crime; technology; and research, evaluation, and information dissemination.
2. Multijurisdictional Task Forces – integrates a combination of Federal, State and/or local law enforcement agencies for the purpose of enhancing interagency coordination, intelligence and facilitating multijurisdictional investigations focusing on drug interdiction and/or gang activities.
3. Youth Courts – youth are sentenced by their peers for minor delinquent And status offenses or problem behavior.

For more information: www.mass.gov/eopsfunding, click on Law Enforcement

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Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP) Federal Fiscal Year 2005 Formula Grant

Application Deadline: August 12, 2005

Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety is making funding available in Federal Fiscal Year 2005 under the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP) Formula Grant Program, subject to the final award to Massachusetts through the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. The purpose of this program is to improve the lives of juveniles in the Commonwealth by preventing their involvement with the juvenile justice system and by improving the operation and services provided by the juvenile justice system. The FFY 2005 priority funding areas for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts JJDP Formula Grant Program include: aftercare/reentry, alternatives to detention, delinquency prevention, disproportionate minority contact, diversion, gender-specific services, mental health services, school programs and substance abuse.

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Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) For State Prisoners Program 2005 Formula Grant

Application Deadline: September 8, 2005

The Executive Office of Public Safety Programs Division is responsible for administering the Federal Residential Substance Abuse Treatment for State Prisoners Formula Grant Program (RSAT Program). The RSAT Program allows state and county correction facilities to re-examine the manner in which they provide substance abuse treatment to both males and females who are in the custody of the state. Successful implementation should emphasize no less than six months of treatment for each RSAT participant, a uniform approach to screening, assessment, treatment, self-help, group and individual therapy, relapse prevention, and reintegration services. Program participants must reside separately from the general population. Urinalysis testing is a critical program component, as is the need to devise a method to track and evaluate RSAT participants' progress to ensure successful programming. States are required to give preference to subgrant applicants who will provide aftercare services to program participants. Agencies may apply for up to \$45,000 in funding for Residential Substance Abuse Treatment projects and up to \$40,000 in funding for Jail-based Treatment projects.

For more information: www.mass.gov/eopsfunding, click on Law Enforcement

For tips on grant writing and budgeting for public safety grants visit:
http://www.mass.gov/Eeops/docs/programs/fjj/2005_grant_writing_workshop.ppt#1

Other Funding Opportunities

Drug Abuse Prevention Intervention Research

Application Deadline: October 1, 2005; February 1, 2006; and June 1, 2006

The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) is accepting applications for research on interventions to prevent the initiation of drug use, the progression of abuse, and the transmission of drug-related HIV infection. This research involves the use of rigorous scientific methods to test theoretically derived hypotheses to advance our understanding of drug abuse prevention within diverse populations and settings.

For more information: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-05-118.html>

Antiterrorism and Emergency Assistance Program

Application Deadline: Open

The U.S. Department of Justice's Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) is accepting applications to compensate and assist victims of terrorism and mass violence that occurs within the United States or to assist victims of terrorism and mass violence that occur outside the United States. Five types of grants are available from OVC to respond to terrorism and mass violence: Crisis Response Grant, Consequence Management Grant, Criminal Justice Support Grant, Crime Victim Compensation Grant, Training and Technical Assistance Grant.

For more information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/fund/pdf/antiterrorapplication.pdf>

State Justice Institute FY 2005 Grant Guidelines

Application Deadline: Open

"SJI is offering four types of grants in FY 2005: Continuation Grants, Technical Assistance Grants, Judicial Branch Education Technical Assistance Grants, and Scholarships.

- **Continuation Grants.** Continuation grants are intended to enhance the specific program or service established during the prior grant period. A grantee seeking a continuation grant must inform the Institute, by letter, of its intent to submit an application for such funding as soon as the need for continued funding becomes apparent but no less than 120 days before the end of the current grant period.
- **Technical Assistance (TA) Grants.** Technical Assistance Grants are awarded to State and local courts and court associations to obtain the assistance of outside experts in diagnosing, developing, and implementing a response to a particular problem in a jurisdiction.
- **Judicial Branch Education Technical Assistance (JBE TA) Grants.** Grants are awarded to state and local courts and court associations to: support the provision of expert strategic assistance designed to enable them to present judicial branch education programs, and/or replication or modification of a model training program originally developed with Institute funds.
- **Scholarships.** Scholarships will be granted to individuals only for the purpose of attending an educational program in another state. An applicant may apply for a scholarship for only one educational program during any one application cycle.

For programs beginning between Oct. 1 and Dec. 31, 2005, the applications and documents must be submitted between July 5 and Aug. 29, 2005. For programs beginning between Jan. 1 and March 31, 2006, the applications and documents must be submitted between Oct. 3 and Nov. 28, 2005."

For more information: <http://www.statejustice.org>.

Operation Weed & Seed

Application Deadline: September 15, 2005

“The Office of Justice Program’s Community Capacity Development Office (CCDO) announced availability of FY 2005 funds for Operation Weed and Seed. Operation Weed and Seed is a community-based initiative that encompasses an innovative and comprehensive multi-agency approach to law enforcement, crime prevention, and community revitalization. Operation Weed and Seed is strategy that aims to prevent, control, and reduce violent crime, drug abuse, and gang activity in designated high-crime neighborhoods across the country. Weed and Seed sites range in size from several neighborhood blocks to a few square miles. The strategy involves a two-pronged approach: law enforcement agencies and prosecutors cooperate in “weeding out” violent crime and drug abuse; and “seeding” brings human services to the area, encompassing prevention, intervention, treatment, and neighborhood revitalization.”
For more information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ccdo/docs/2005WSCCompetitiveSol.pdf>

Research and Publications

Child-Pornography Possessors Arrested in Internet-Related Crimes: Findings From the National Juvenile Online Victimization Study

National Center for Missing & Exploited Children

This publication addresses the growing issue of possession and distribution of child pornography. Law-enforcement agencies within the United States were surveyed to count arrests for Internet-related sex crimes committed against minors and describe the characteristics of the offenders, the crimes they committed, and their victims. Key findings and recommendations are included.

Access full text at: http://www.missingkids.com/en_US/publications/NC144.pdf

Juvenile Delinquency Guidelines: Improving Court Practice in Juvenile Delinquency Cases **National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ)**

The Juvenile Delinquency Guidelines, prepared by the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ) with funding from OJJDP, is a compilation of best practices for juvenile delinquency courts. The essential elements of effective practice in juvenile delinquency cases are identified and best practices throughout the juvenile delinquency court process are recommended. The guidelines also discuss implementation concerns and provide checklists and resource materials.

Access full text at: <http://www.ncjfcj.org/content/view/411/411/>

Juvenile Court Statistics 2000

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

This report examines the offenses charged in delinquency cases, demographic characteristics of juveniles involved, sources of referral, and processing of cases. The December 2004 report also profiles status offense cases disposed between 1985 and 2000. More than 1.6 million delinquency cases handled by juvenile courts in 2000 are summarized and judicial trends are reviewed. This report includes tables, figures, and county and state-level case statistics for 2000.

Access full text at: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.org/publications/PubAbstract.asp?pubi=12208>

Residential Program Bureau of Substance Abuse Treatment for State Prisoners (RSAT) Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)

In April 2005, The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) released Residential Substance Abuse Treatment for State Prisoners (RSAT) Program which explores and compares various types of RSAT programs. In addition to discussing strategies to help strengthen RSAT programs in the future, this report includes information about the national evaluation of the programs and results of individual state-level evaluations. Access full text at: <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/bja/206269.pdf>

National Estimates of Children Missing Involuntarily or for Benign Reasons **U.S. Department of Justice**

This July, 2005 OJJDP bulletin provides information on numbers and characteristics of two groups of missing children not often documented in the literature: children involuntarily missing because they were lost or injured and those missing for benign reasons (such as a miscommunication or mistaken expectation). Data was obtained from surveys conducted during 1999 and reflect the experiences of children in the United States over a twelve month period. Key findings and policy implications are discussed.

Access full text at: <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/ojjdp/206180.pdf>

The Meth Epidemic in America: Two Surveys of U.S. Counties **National Association of Counties**

The National Association of Counties (NACo) conducted two surveys of law enforcement and county child welfare officials in order to determine the impact of meth on county services and their communities. The Criminal Effect of Meth on Communities' Law Enforcement Agencies and the impact of meth on children through out of home placements is discussed.

Access full text at: <http://www.naco.org/Template.cfm?Section=Publications>

Conferences and Trainings

National Institute of Justice's 8th Annual Crime Mapping Research Conference **September 7-10, 2005 in Savannah, GA**

The National Institute of Justice's MAPS program invites researchers and practitioners to learn about current innovative research and share their experiences with crime mapping and analysis. Panel sessions are offered covering topics such as Spatial Data Analysis, Spatial Analysis of Federal & State Policy Programs, Juvenile Justice, Victimization, Geographic Profiling, GIS Spatial Modeling of Offender Activities, and Applications. There will be pre-conference crime mapping training courses as well as an evening roundtable session that focuses on evaluating geographic profiling software.

For further information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/events/welcome.html#map>

International Association of Crime Analyst's 2005 Training Conference

September 21-24, 2005 in Arlington, VA

The International Association of Crime Analysts (IACA) invites all Crime Analysts, Tactical Analysts, Intelligence Analysts, Administrative Analysts, Strategic Analysts, Law Enforcement Officers & Officials, GIS Specialists, Educators, Criminal Justice Students and Crime Analysis Volunteers to discuss topics such as analytical charting, temporal analysis, mapping investigative strategies, sexual assault analysis, hotel crime analysis, construction site burglary analysis, rooftop burglary series analysis, crime analysis in a mobile data environment, information sharing, and spatial statistics. This year's conference will feature four concurrent tracks: hands-on computer labs, problem analysis, tactical analysis and specialty topics.

For further information: <http://www.iaca.net/Conference2005.asp>

112th Annual Conference of the International Association of Chiefs of Police

September 24-28, 2005 in Miami, FL

The International Association of Chiefs of Police is the world's oldest and largest nonprofit membership organization of police executives, with over 19,000 members in over 100 different countries. IACP members and their guests will examine the state of the police industry through seminars, forums and technical workshops. Critical issues relevant to today's law enforcement professional will be featured and solutions to challenges will be discussed.

For further information: <http://www.theiacpconference.org/>

ALL STARS Core Facilitator & Teacher Training

September 27-28, 2005 in Worcester, MA

ALL STARS is a curriculum designed to prevent alcohol, tobacco and other drug use, and violence and premature sexual activity among middle school youth. The curriculum focuses on five strategies that research says will decrease an adolescent's chance of becoming involved in these behaviors. The ALL STARS curriculum is designed to be delivered in school classrooms and community-based settings.

For further information: <http://www.westernmasshealthycommunities.org/pages/what/All%20Stars%20Information%20Flier%20905.htm>

Disproportionate Minority Contact Reduction: What Works & How You Can Implement It

EOPS is in the process of planning a disproportionate minority contact (DMC) conference for May 2006 and is looking for ideas as we develop the conference agenda. DMC, which refers to the overrepresentation of minority youth in the juvenile justice system, exists in Massachusetts and across the nation. The purpose of this conference is to help local government and non-governmental agencies that serve youth to implement programs, policies, and initiatives that help to reduce (DMC). What do you need to know in order to reduce DMC in your community? How can we make this conference useful for your community coalition, youth-serving agency, local law enforcement department, etc? Please contact Elizabeth Spinney, 617-725-3367, Elizabeth.Spinney@state.ma.us with your comments, advice and suggestions.

In The News

EOPS is adding a new section to the newsletter called "In The News" which will summarize some of the top news stories in Massachusetts.

MA Looks At Race, Policing With Expanded Reports

Boston Globe, July 5, 2005

Following a Massachusetts statewide review that showed racial disparities in traffic citations issued by police in nearly 250 communities, the state requires police officers to collect additional information on every stop rather than only recording the data when they issue warnings or tickets. Police officers are required to collect information such as the duration of and reason for the stop, the type of road, whether the car was searched, and what was found. According to Katie Ford, an Executive Office of Public Safety spokeswoman, the expanded form only takes 30 to 50 seconds to complete and could help departments build confidence in the fairness of their policing.

Access full text at: http://www.boston.com/news/local/articles/2005/07/05/state_on_hunt_for_racial_profiling/

200 MA Motorists Have 8 Or More DUI Arrests

Boston Herald, July 27, 2005

The Boston Herald reported that more than 200 Massachusetts motorists have been busted eight or more times for driving while drunk or high. New legislation filed by Governor Mitt Romney would crack down on repeat drunken drivers with a mandatory three-month jail sentence for anyone caught driving intoxicated on a license suspended for a previous drunken-driving conviction. As of last year, the number of repeat drunken drivers caught in Massachusetts was up to roughly 2,800. More than 37,000 MA residents have had their licenses revoked as "habitual offenders".

Access full text at: <http://news.bostonherald.com/localRegional/view.bg?articleid=95417>

Announcement of the National Sex Offender Public Registry Web Site

July 21, 2005

The U.S. Department of Justice announced the activation of its National Sex Offender Public Registry (NSOPR) web site, which provides access to nationwide data on registered sex offenders. According to the Office of Justice Programs, there are over 500,000 registered sex offenders nationwide and statistics have shown the recidivism rate for these offenders is high. The new national site currently links 22 state sex offender web sites.

For more information: <http://www.nsopr.gov/>

Major Boston Crime Down But Robberies Increase

Boston Globe, July 21, 2005

The Boston Globe reported that major crime in Boston fell 13 percent over the first five months of the year, compared with the same period last year. The number of homicides remained unchanged, at 21. Police Commissioner Kathleen O'Toole attributed the drop in part to increased patrols, called Operation Rolling Thunder, which target different neighborhoods on different nights. The report also showed that burglaries, mostly thefts from residences, and attempted burglaries rose by 7 percent, while robberies and attempted robberies, which often involve the use of force, jumped 8 percent.

Access full text at: http://www.boston.com/news/local/articles/2005/07/21/major_crime_rate_down_13_percent/

If You Purchased or Possess a Second Chance Ultima, Ultimax or Triflex Bullet Proof Vest

This notice provides details about a national class action lawsuit being heard in the District Court for Mayes County, State of Oklahoma. This lawsuit claims that the Defendants, Second Chance Body Armor, Inc., violated the law by manufacturing allegedly defective bullet proof vests. This Proposed Class Action Settlement includes all persons in the United States and its territories who have purchased, possess, or own a bullet proof vest manufactured by Second Chance, Inc. If you have purchased, possess, or own one of these bullet proof vests please visit <http://www.zylonvestclassaction.com> by September 9, 2005.

For more information: http://www.mass.gov/Eeops/docs/programs/law%20enf/bvp_class_action_info.doc

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